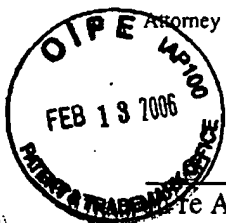


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PETITION FOR REFUND

SIR:

Applicants hereby petition for a refund of \$570 of the \$1,020 fee submitted herewith for a three month extension of time, for the reasons following.

On November 8, 2005 applicants mailed an "Amendment After Final Rejection" to Mail Stop AF in response to the final office action dated August 9, 2005. According to the advisory action mailed on January 13, 2006, the amendment was received in the PTO on November 14, 2005.

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MPEP 714.13 states that a reply to an amendment after final rejection should be mailed within 30 days of the date the amendment is received by the office. Since the Advisory Action was not mailed until 60 days of that date, applicants have been forced into a third month of extension which would not have been necessary if the Advisory Action was timely mailed.

Accordingly, applicants hereby request that the difference between the \$1,020 for a three month extension and the \$450 for a two month extension be refunded by crediting our deposit account no. 03-2412 in the amount of \$570.

An express decision on this petition is also requested. Please charge any fee for filing this petition to our deposit account no. 03-2412.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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**PETITION**

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of August 9, 2005. A check in the amount of \$1,020 in payment of the government fee for a three-month extension of time is enclosed herewith so that the period for response is extended to February 9, 2006. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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## **RESPONSE**

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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